

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION	DOCKET No.:	PF++54391
OF: BESTE ET AL.	CONFIRMATION No.:	2001
SERIAL No. 10/806,198	GROUP ART UNIT:	1723
FILED: MARCH 23, 2004	EXAMINER:	E. G. THERKORN
FOR: PURIFICATION OR WORK-UP OF IONIC LIQUIDS BY MEANS OF ADSORPTIVE SEPARATION PROCESSES		

Honorable Commissioner  
for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c) AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of October 13, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments<sup>1)</sup> be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Encl.: CLAIM AMENDMENTS (Appendix I)

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1) Cf. the **Claim Amendments** set forth in Appendix I on pages 15 to 17 of this paper.